handshake scheme for its employees to reduce the size of its bureaucracy ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the steps taken so far to prune the strength of officers and staff of the various Central Ministries and Departments ; and

(d) the anticipated cut in non-plan expenditure as a result of such pruning ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) and (b) No decision has been taken by the Government on the issue of 'golden handshake scheme' for its employees.

(c) and (d) In pursuance to the announcement made by the Prime Minister in the National Development Council to reduce the number of senior-level posts, the details in respect of posts at different levels existing in various Ministries/Departments of the Govt. of India have been called for in order to identify posts for abolition. No final decision has been taken so far. Thus, it is not possible to give approximate savings as a result of the review.

अमरीका की मोशन पिक्चर्स एक्सोबिटर्स एसोसिएशन के साथ किया गया समझौता

*59. **श्रीमती सरला माहेश्वरी** : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हाल ही में अमरीका की मोशन पिक्चर्स एक्सोबिटर्स एसोसिएशन (एम. पी. ई. ए. ए.) के साथ कोई नया समझौता किया गया है;

(ख) क्या इस नए समझौते के अंतर्गत कोई रियायतें दी गई हैं और यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) इन रियायतों को दिए जाने के क्या कारण हैं ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (कुमारी गिरिजा व्यास) : (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) और (ग) यह सवाल पैदा ही नहीं होता।

*60 [*Transferred to the 9th March, 1992*]

Deal to purchase the two Russian made reactors

395. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the move of Government to purchase two Russian made VVER type reactors of 1000 MW capacity each has become uncertain due to the political developments in that country ; and

(b) if so, the measures taken by Govvernment to clinch the deal as per the agreement signed in 1988 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) No firm communication regarding the project is available at present. This delay is obviously on account of political developments in the erstwhile USSR. The renewed responsibilities for supply of equipment, credit will have to be affirmed.

(b) In terms of the Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) signed in November 1988 between USSR and

India, the technical details for preparation of a Detailed Project Report (DPR) and maximum basic cost of the project had been agreed upon between the two parties. Further progress on the project has to await the implications of recent political developments in the erstwhile USSR.

Setting up of a Nuclear Powcr Plant

396. SHRI E. BALANANDAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a fresh proposal to set up a nuclear power plant any where in India ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) and (b) Government have accorded financial sanction in January, 1991 for setting up of 2 units of 500 M We at Tarapur, Maharashtra. Commencement of the construction work is awaiting availability of adequate funds. With this, the proposal of the Department of Atomic Energy for the VIII five year plan envisages commencement of work of 4 units of 220MWe (Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors) at Kaiga in Karnataka, 2 units of 500 MWe at Rawatbhata in Rajasthan and 2 units of 500 MWe at Tarapur mentioned above. All the eight units will be Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors (PHWRs). The proposals for the VIII plan also include 2 units of 1000 MWe at Kudankulam, Tamil Nadu with the assistance of the erstwhile USSR under the Inter-Governmental agreement. Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor of 500 MWe capacity at Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu also forms part of the VIII Plan proposals. The execution of these programme will be subject to availability of funds.

Implementation of Kundankulam Nuclear Power Project

397. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the steps taken to implement the Kundankulam Nuclear Power Project ;

(b) whether the Nuclear Power Corporation had sought Government's clearance for setting up two 500 M.W. reactors each of Indian design at Kundankulam ; if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether France has offered to build the reactors for Kudankulam project ; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) An Inter-Governmental Agreement(IGA) of co-operation between USSR and India for construction of a Nuclear Power Station of 2 x 1000M We capcity was signed in November, 1988. Government approved Kundankulam site in Tamil Nadu for setting up of these units. The technical details for preparation of a Detailed Project Report (DPR) and maximum basic cost of the project have been agreed upon between the two parties. Further progress on the project has to await the recent developments in the erstwhile USSR and its implications with respect to supply, contracts, responsibilities, credit etc.

(b) No Sir. The question does not arise at this stage.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.